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SUBJECT: FAA MLS DEMONSTRATION AT BUENOS AIRES
FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF STATE 254052 (77) TO BUENOS AIRES:
1. BETWEEN OCT. 31 AND NOV. 4, IN CONNECTION WITH A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY OAS IN
BUENOS AIRES, FAA HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
ARGENTINA TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO THE CONFERENCE AND
TO DEMONSTRATE ITS TIME REFERENCE SCANNING BEAM (TRSB)
MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEM (MLS) AT AEROPARQUE AIRPORT IN
BUENOS AIRES.

2. IN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE SUBSTANTIAL ATTENDANCE BY
APPROPRIATE CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS FROM AS MANY LATIN
AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE, THE FAA
ADMINISTRATOR BY MEMORANDUM OF OCTOBER 14, 1977 (FULL
TEXT FOLLOWS IN PARAGRAPH 4), HAS ASKED FAA'S SOUTHERN
REGIONAL DIRECTOR WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FAA'S ACTIVITIES
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IN LATIN AMERICA TO CONTACT CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS IN
OAS COUNTRIES AND ADVISE OFFICIALS OF FAA PLANS FOR
TRSB MLS PRESENTATION AND DEMONSTRATIONS. FAA REGIONAL
DIRECTOR SWATEK HAS, WITH BRIEF COVER LETTER, FORWARDED
COPY OF FAA ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMORANDUM TO DIRECTOR
GENERALS OF CIVIL AVIATION FOR THEIR INFORMATION.

3. FYI. IN VIEW OF FACT CONFERENCE AND DEMONSTRATIONS ARE BEING SPONSORED BY GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA, AND INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE ARE BEING HANDLED BY THAT GOVERNMENT, FAA HAS BEEN AND EMBASSIES SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO BE IN POSTURE OF "INVITING" FOREIGN OFFICIALS TO ATTEND MEETING. END FYI.

4. FULL TEXT OF FAA ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS:

QUOTE...THE AGENCY IS ENGAGED IN AN ACTIVE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE U.S. EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE STANDARDIZATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) NON-VISUAL PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING GUIDANCE SYSTEM. THE U.S. AND AUSTRALIAN CANDIDATE IS THE TIME REFERENCE SCANNING BEAM (TRSB) SYSTEM. THE ICAO WILL CONVEENE IN ALL WEATHER OPERATIONS DIVISIONAL MEETING IN MONTREAL, CANADA, ON APRIL 4-21, 1978, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTING THE NEW SYSTEM. I CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT ALL ICAO MEMBER STATES ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE BE FULLY AWARE OF THE MANY BENEFITS OFFERED BY THE MLS, AND PARTICULARLY BY TRSB. ACCORDINGLY, THE FAA HAS DEVELOPED A PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES TRSB/MLS PRESENTATIONS AND OPERATIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND BENEFITS OF THIS SYSTEM.

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THE FIRST DEMONSTRATIONS ARE PLANNED FOR BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA, AND AS PART OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) CONFERENCE TO BE HELD THERE FROM OCTOBER 31 THROUGH NOVEMBER 4, 1977. ENCLOSED IS A DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR THE SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, PLANS ARE IN PROGRESS TO ARRANGE DEMONSTRATIONS OF THIS SYSTEM AT BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, AND OTHER OVERSEAS LOCATIONS.

TO INSURE A SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AND TO REACH AS BROAD A SPECTRUM OF AVIATION OFFICIALS AS POSSIBLE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE U.S. EMBASSIES, PLEASE LET THE KEY OFFICIALS OF ALL CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES WITHIN YOUR GEOGRAPHICAL JURISDICTION KNOW OF THE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM. PLEASE SCHEDULE AND ENCOURAGE THESE OFFICIALS TO OBSERVE THESE DEMONSTRATIONS NOVEMBER 2 AND 3 SO AS TO ACQUIRE FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE MLS POTENTIAL AND THE MANY ISSUES AFFECTING THIS IMPORTANT ICAO PROGRAM.

YOU MAY ALSO ADVISE THESE OFFICIALS THAT MR. TAYLOR, THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, WILL HOST A RECEPTION FOR

AVIATION OFFICIALS ON NOVEMBER 2, AT 7:00 P.M. IN
BUENOS AIRES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FAA DEMONSTRATION.
AVIATION OFFICIALS WHO ARE IN BUENOS AIRES FOR THE
DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE WELCOME AT THE RECEPTION. IT
IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT OUR OFFICE AT THE U.S. EMBASSY
IN BUENOS AIRES CAN PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS TO SUCH
OFFICIALS ON THE DEMONSTRATIONS AND THE RECEPTION. END
QUOTE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: UNLESS OBJECTION PERCEIVED,
MISSIONS ARE REQUESTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH HOST COUNTRY
CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS ON FAA PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGE
ACCEPTANCE OF GOA INVITATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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